



February 9, 2017 Open House Summary



Introduction

The City of Boulder hosted the first open house for the 30th & Colorado Corridors Study on February 9, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sustainability, Energy and Environment Complex at the University of Colorado.

The purpose of the open house was to introduce the study to the community and learn the community's views on issues to address. Specific objectives were as follows:

- Communicate the purpose of the study, the area under study and the proposed process and timeline
- Learn what community members think are the most important issues to address in each corridor
- Learn community members' views on travel conditions in the corridors and find out what questions people have
- Explain the community engagement process and learn how people want to participate

The City publicized the event through multiple means, including a postcard (see below) mailed to more than 6000 residents, businesses and property owners; posters at various locations in the corridors; emails to potentially interested individuals and organizations; and social media postings on Facebook, Next Door and Twitter. Approximately 63 people attended the event and 30 filled in comment forms. At the sign-in, participants were asked to share how they learned of the event. The most frequent responses were the mailing, emails, posters and contacts through the City of Boulder, University of Colorado and Community Cycles.

YOUR INPUT
IS REQUESTED!

The 30th St. and Colorado Ave. Corridors Study will develop and evaluate conceptual Complete Streets designs for people traveling, living, and working in the corridors. What is a Complete Street? Complete Streets accommodate all modes of transportation by planning, designing, and building facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and vehicle drivers. The study will focus on 30th St. from Baseline Rd. to Pearl St. and Colorado Ave. from Foothills Pkwy. to Broadway and Euclid Ave.

If you cannot attend in person, visit the web address below for more information about the project and to complete the questionnaire!

www.BoulderTransportation.net


JOIN US!

The study is kicking-off and we would like the community's input in developing the study's vision, goals and objectives.

Please attend the Feb. 9 open house and share your thoughts!

THURSDAY, FEB. 9
5:30 TO 7 P.M.

CU Boulder, Sustainability, Energy and Environment Complex (SEEC)
4001 Discovery Dr, Boulder, CO 80303
Paid parking is available in lot 556

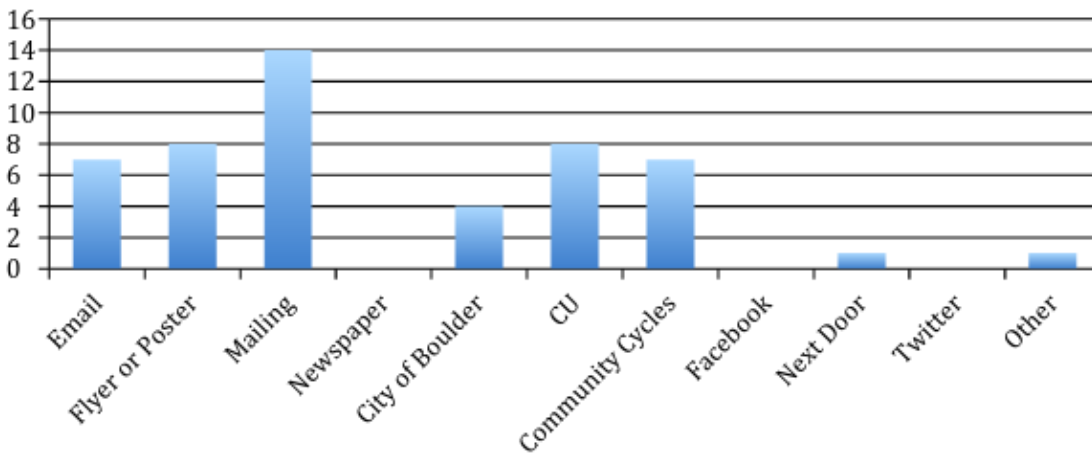


The corridor study aims to create a vision for safe and accessible multimodal transportation that meets current and future conditions, was identified in the city's 2014 Transportation Master Plan update and will be coordinated with other area plans.

If you need Spanish interpretation or other language-related assistance for this meeting, please call 303-441-1905 at least three days prior to the meeting.

Si usted necesita interpretación o cualquier otra ayuda con relación al idioma para esta junta, por favor comuníquese al 303-441-1905 por lo menos tres días antes de la junta.

How Participants Learned of Open House #1



The event was designed with different stations around the room addressing:

- Project Background, Purpose and Key Issues
- Related Plans and Studies
- Study Process and Timeline
- Bicycle and Transit Network
- Pedestrian, Bicycle and Vehicle Volumes and Crash Locations

City representatives were dispersed throughout the open house, talking to community members and answering questions about the presented information.





Interactive displays invited participants to share locations where they have concerns or see the opportunity for improvement.

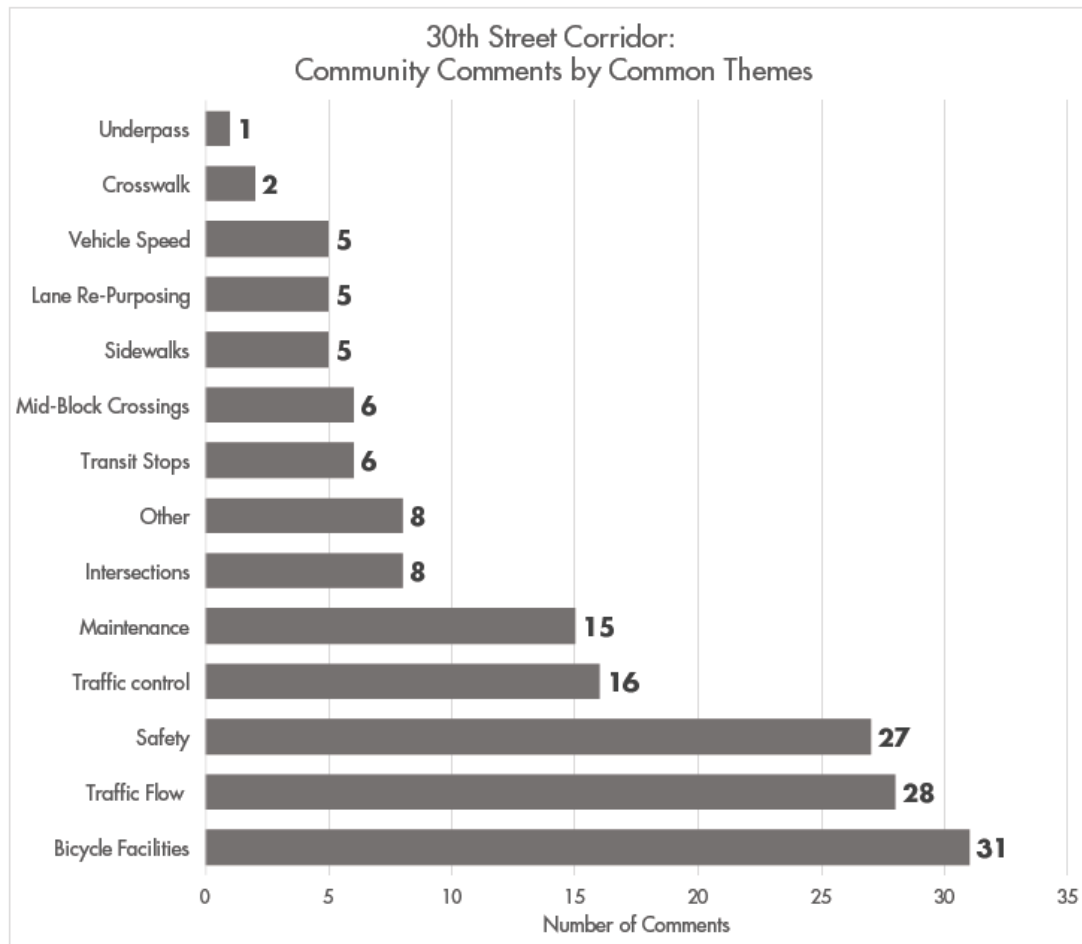
Summary of Public Input

1. Mapping Inquiry on Areas of Concern

On the map for 30th Street, participants placed 132 sticky notes with comments and on the map for Colorado Avenue, there were 90 sticky notes. The sticky notes were organized into common themes and tallied, as shown in the charts below.

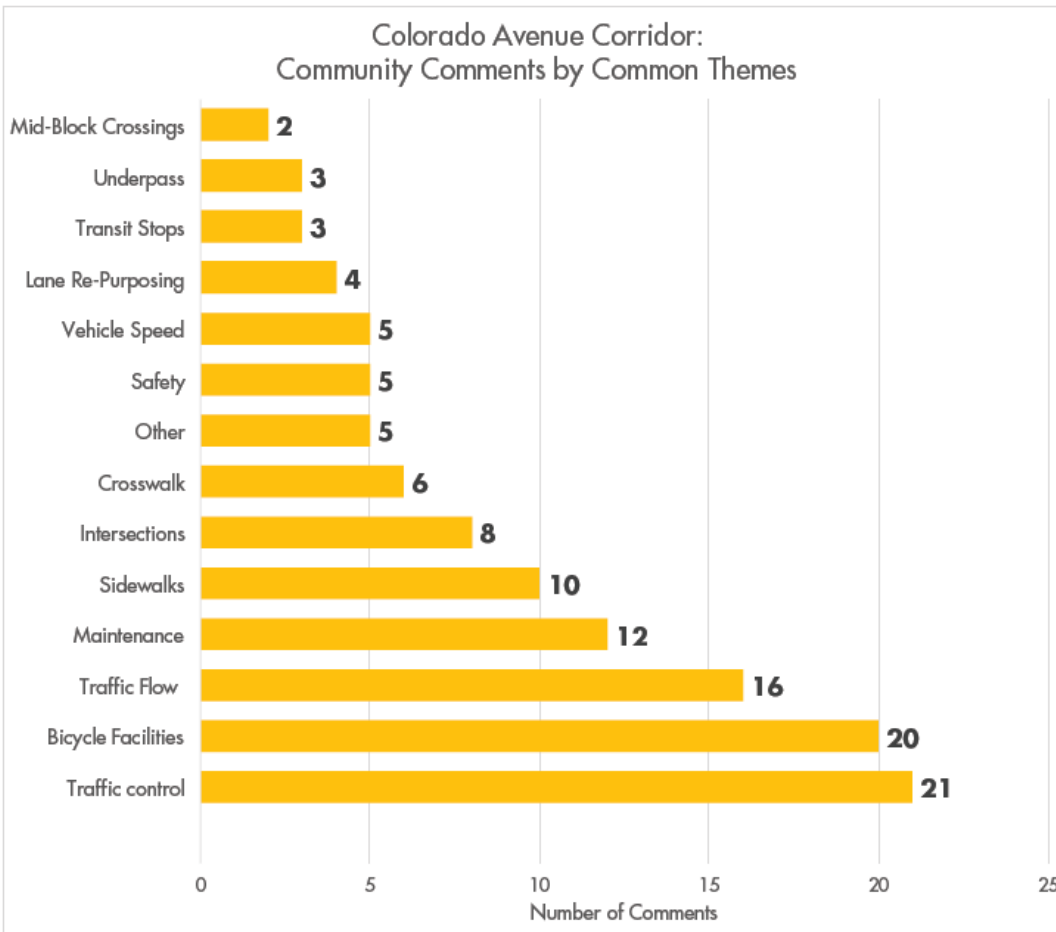


30th Street Corridor: 132 total comments





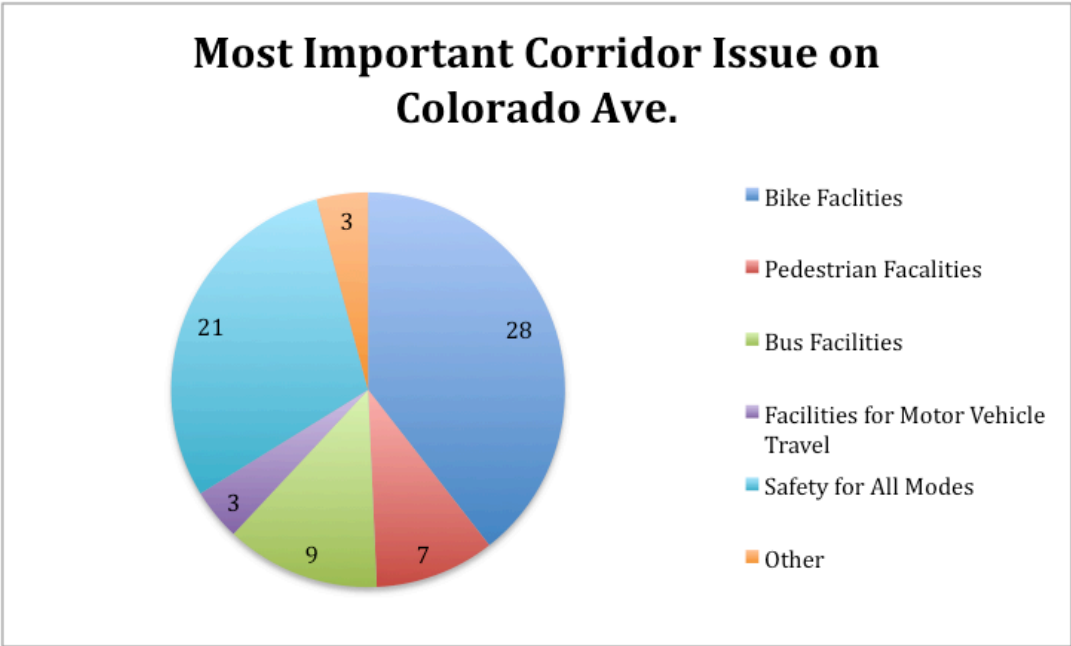
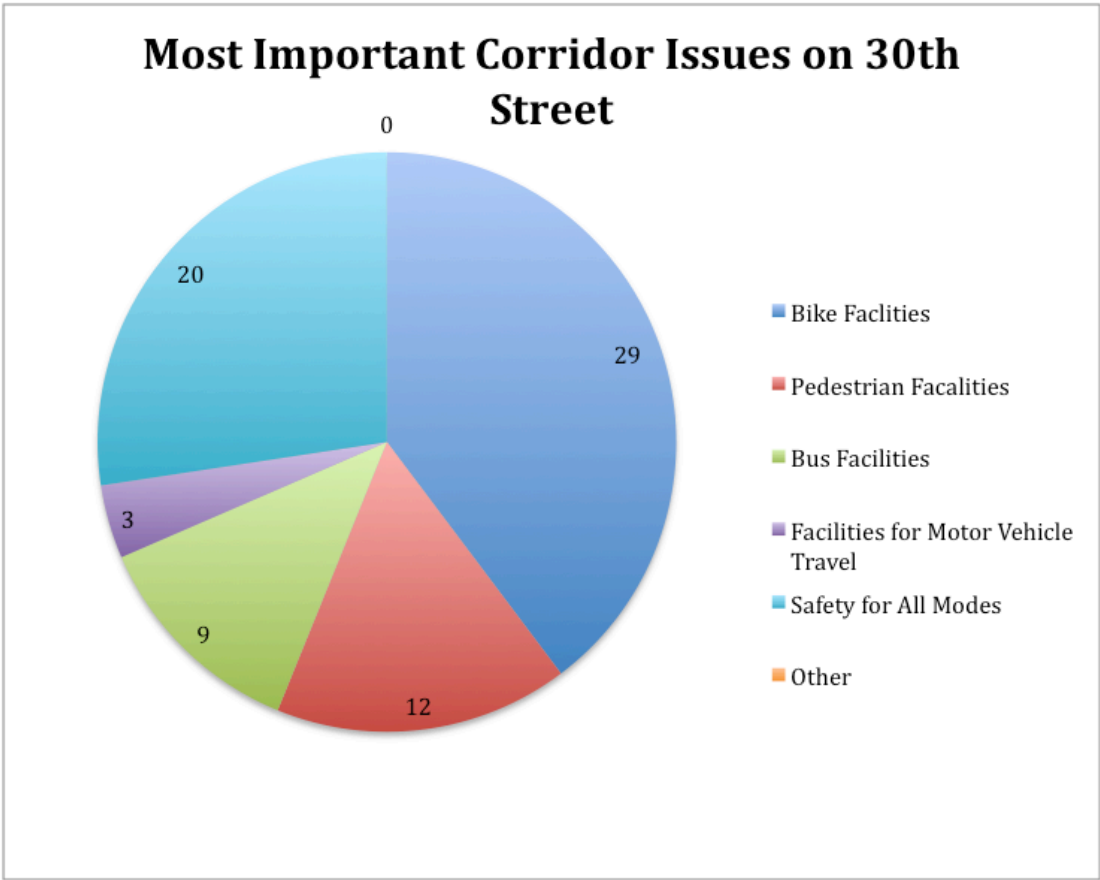
Colorado Avenue Corridor: 90 total comments



For both corridors, four of the top five issues by number of comments included traffic control, bike facilities, traffic flow and maintenance. For 30th Street, safety was in the top five and for Colorado Avenue, sidewalks was in the top five.

2. Dot Voting on Priority Issues

Participants were also asked to identify the top two issues they feel need to be addressed in each corridor. The pie charts below show that for both corridors, bike facilities and safety for all modes were the top two issues.



3. Comment Forms

Of the 63 participants, 30 completed comment forms with more detailed comments. The comment forms included the following questions:

- What specific locations along 30th Street and Colorado Avenue most need improvement?
- What do you like about travel along each corridor?
- How would you like to continue to receive information about this corridors study?
- Are you interested in applying as a candidate for the Community Working Group for this study?
- How well did we meet the objectives for this open house?
- How do you travel most often in the corridors? What is your typical starting and ending points?
- Do you live, work or go to school in Boulder?

With the exception of the questions about the open house objectives, the questions in the comment form were comparable to questions in the online survey so that results from in person and online inquiries can be compared. Responses are summarized by question below.

30th Street

What specific locations along 30th Street most need improvement?

Bus

- More hours for Stampede plus weekend times
- Better route connections
- Table Mesa/30th/Meadows Shopping Center to Downtown
Section between Colorado and Baseline
- Stops on North side of the road
- More frequent bus stops
- Clearer designations
- Improved bus stops
- Educate drivers (especially RTD and BVSD) to give cyclists 3 feet
- (Daughter uses Bound – a great route for her to access many places)

Pedestrian

- 30th from Colorado to Baseline
- An underpass needed at 30th and Colorado
- Between Baseline and Arapahoe: sidewalk width and quality
- West side sidewalk going north from 30th/Colorado: very narrow
- South East corner of 30th and Aurora: blind spot because of house fence and bushes
- Better option to cross at Scott Carpenter Park when flooded path
- Get rid of power poles (underground) so pedestrians aren't obscured
- Permissive double left turn is insane
- Wider sidewalks
- Crosswalk flashing light needs to aid older residents of Golden West to access northbound bus
- Rectangular rapid flash beacons
- Crossings are scary- need to make it easier to cross other than at the lights
- North of Colorado on west side of the street overall improvement

- Left and right turn lanes at east and west bound Colorado
- Crossing at Euclid and near Boulder Creek and Scott Carpenter Park
- Remove bike lanes and put a sidewalk

Bike

- Colorado to Baseline overall improvement
- Bike lanes are very narrow for the traffic speed, they are unprotected and dangerous, especially at the curves, and narrows considerably northbound just before Valmont
- Wider lanes or multi-use path, especially from 30th/Colorado to Boulder Creek
- More distance between vehicle lane and bike lane
- 30th and Colorado underpass needed
- Too many turnouts from parking lots crossed
- 30th and Colorado- difficult to turn left.
- North walkway on Baseline and 30th. No one sees you when they are turning off of Baseline on to 30th
- 30th and Colorado- difficult to turn left
- Narrow west side sidewalks
- Area north of Boulder Creek Path on 30th
- Left and right turn lanes at east and west bound Colorado
- Bike lanes need to be rebuilt
- 30th/Colorado bike parking station needs improvement
- Bike Lanes are not standard width
- Get rid of power poles (underground)
- Would never attempt it! Would love better route to Whole Foods and Target. Too scary to ride by Target!

Motor vehicles

- Speed limit is too high, and hardly enforced.
- Turning arrows at 30th and Colorado intersection
- Designated turning lanes
- 30th/Walnut and 30th and Pearl
- Intersection of 30th and Colorado- Left turn arrows, all ways
- Section between Colorado and Baseline
- Left and right turn lanes at east and west bound Colorado
- Turning lanes from Baseline to Arapahoe
- Roads need to be repaved
- Add a “merge” and “turn lane” to the middle of 30th from Euclid to the intersection at Colorado
- Straighten the curve by Scott Carpenter Park
- Scary to drive 30th between Baseline and just south of Arapahoe! I avoid it. Narrow lanes, curvy. Hard to turn left from southbound 30th onto Colorado. Can’t see oncoming cars because someone usually waiting to turn left onto westbound Colorado from northbound 30th. Would like a green arrow.

What do you like about travel along 30th Street?

- It’s direct from south Boulder to north
- Center turn lane
- Direct path to north and south Boulder

- Less busy than 28th
- Slower traffic speed
- Main vein to all my stops-flows well
- Good alternative to 28th for north route
- It's fairly direct
- I love the wide sidewalks, many crossing points
- I love the Bound Bus service
- Love bike lanes
- I like biking on the Arapahoe to Valmont sector
- Less busy than Broadway
- Would be a great route for me if it felt safer.

Colorado Avenue

What specific locations along Colorado Avenue most need improvement?

Bus

- Longer bus hours for the Stampede
- More frequent bus service
- Continuous bus service between east and west campus
- There are 3 Stampede stops between 38th and 30th. Are they needed?
- More buses or those existing are on-time
- The Stampede needs to run to 9pm on weekdays and on the weekend or at least on Saturday
- Would be great if Stampede ran later in the evening (til 9 pm?) and on weekends

Pedestrian

- Add a pedestrian bridge at 35th street
- Rectangular rapid flash beacons needed at all major/minor streets
- Underpass to east campus
- CU campus
- Crossing 28th is very intimidating
- Sidewalk needed on the north and east side of Colorado
- Crosswalk needed on the north side of Foothills
- Better signal needed along Wellman Canal and Skunk Creek bike paths
- Junction of Boulder and Skunk Creek Paths
- More crosswalks from north to south in east Campus
- CU biotech to access RTD stop needs a crosswalk
- Ok. The recent additions of blinking lights seems good.

Bike

- Maintenance needed on bike lane- path is full of cracks and potholes
- On the CU campus
- Crossing 28th is very intimidating
- Difficult to make left turns across 2 lanes of traffic
- Need a better way to get from eastbound bike lane onto east campus
- Turning left on Regent when heading west
- Intersection of 30th and Colorado heading east- lots of traffic turns right there including large buses

- Underpass would be great
- Intersection at Discovery Drive needs improvement
- Left and right turn lanes at 30th
- Not easy/safe to ride to CU and beyond (e.g., New Vista High School) from where we are (Wellman Creek). Love the idea of off-street combined pedestrian and bike path along Colorado Ave all the way to CU, with underpass at 30th and Colorado. What about access from Wimbledon to CU on foot or by bike if underpass goes from NE to SW corners? Will people still be able to cross above ground safely? Underpass not great for females after dark.

Motor Vehicles

- Turn arrows at 30th
- Slower speed
- Crossing at 35th
- Designated turning lanes
- 30th and Colorado left turn arrows- the “island” causes cars to do U-turns both ways at 38th street around 33rd
- Light and intersection on Regent is very dangerous
- Eliminate traffic from Folsom to 18th/Euclid
- Too many lanes for little traffic
- Anything to slow traffic, decrease cars as CU builds out
- Euclid and 30th- stoplight, safe middle zone
- Snow removal from center of road please, 30th turns into 2 lanes with snow
- Getting a bit harder to exit left from Wellman Creek and Park East complexes at certain times of the day. Lights some time in the future?

What do you like about travel on Colorado Avenue?

- Quiet- not too much use
- The view to the west/east of getting to Foothills and Table Mesa park and ride
- Speedy, feels safer than 30th
- Accessibility to east Boulder stores and campus
- A monorail would be ideal- elevated above traffic, to go between campuses
- It is easy to cross Colorado because traffic is light
- Crossings from east campus to Arapahoe between 30th and Boulder creek
- I love Colorado and work at CU, so it's relatively easy to commute on foot and bike
- Access to main campus
- Fine in a car. Access to multiuse paths is good.

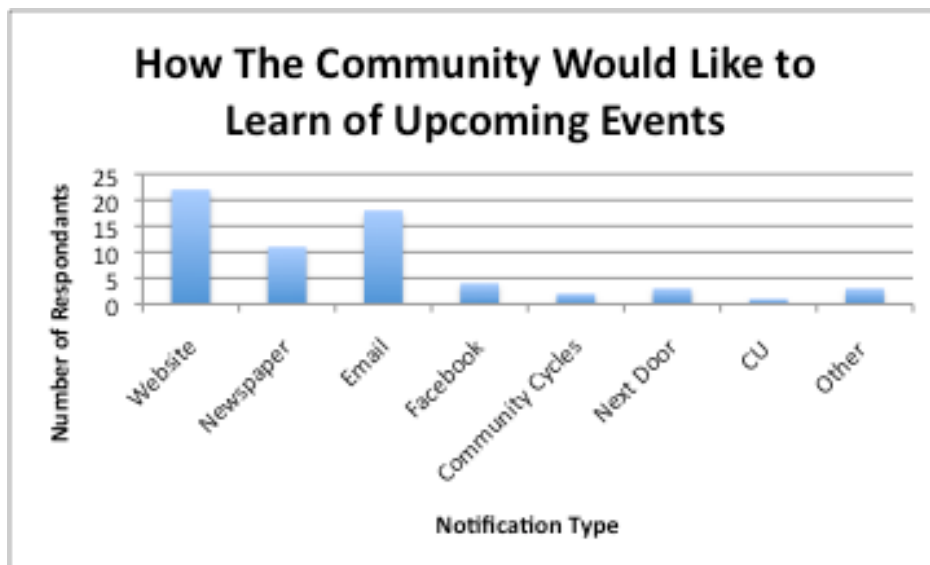
Other comments

- As East Campus grows, need to keep safety in mind
- Improvements on Folsom
- Slower cars are safer for all, but there needs to be a design so cars can drive slowly
- Reduce permitted left turns, 30th and Walnut is dangerous when south 30th street traffic turns east on Walnut
- More pedestrian crossing as students jay walk all over Boulder
- East campus needs to be integrated better into CU Boulder. Public transportation between campuses is inadequate. While sometimes it might only take 15 minutes, at others it takes 40. I cannot count on it, so I end up driving instead. It would also be

helpful to have bus transportation from southwest Boulder to east campus without having long transfers.

- Please put more funding towards construction and less towards planning. Also please do not let the public infrastructure and safety suffer by losing federal funding by claiming Boulder is a sanctuary city
- The 30th bike lane (Baseline-Arapahoe) is terrifying. The bike lanes (especially just north of Colorado) are too narrow, have cracks, poor pavement and vertical seams making cyclists ride closer to the white line and closer to traffic. There is debris in the bike lanes on a regular basis (glass, sand, car parts from accidents), which creates an unsafe situation. Most drivers do not give cyclists the legal 3 feet distance, especially RTD drivers. CU buses always give me 3 feet (thank you) RTD drivers be taught by CU bus drivers
- How is the city planning to hold the university accountable to provide parking for it, contract staff (TA, RA, etc) and employees instead of forcing them to park on city street due to the high cost of permit
- Make CU pay for any improvements on Colorado Ave.
- Neighbors have said 30th and Colorado intersection feels unsafe for pedestrians too.
- The left-turn arrow on westbound Colorado Ave at 28th Street seems too short, at least in the mornings.

How would you like to continue to receive information about this corridors study?



Note: Since the comment form questions are comparable to the online survey questions, the mailing was not listed as an option.

Are you interested in applying as a candidate for the Community Working Group for this study?

Several people (8) indicated an interest in applying for the Community Working Group.

How well did we meet the objectives for this open house?

Open House Objective 1: Explain the purpose of the corridors study, the area under study and the proposed process and timeline		
Response	Number	Comments
Yes	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>great personal attention by staff and contractors</i>
No	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>conflicting information given</i> • <i>very little information was given</i>
Maybe	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A talk at the beginning could have helped</i> • <i>better explanation of the underpass plans needed & better explanation of plans Colorado through CU campus parking</i> • <i>interested in possible actions</i> • <i>the realistic constraints on the project weren't clear</i> • <i>it wasn't initially clear why there were multiple maps that were the same. Need titles/instructions</i>

Open House Objective #2: Learn what community members think are the most important issues to address in the corridors		
Response	Number	Comments
Yes	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Excellent process</i> • <i>Those who could attend – hopefully there will be an opportunity for input from those who couldn't attend. I have the idea there will be.</i>
No	2	
Maybe	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I did read comments from the others</i> • <i>a follow up report would be helpful, since it was only possible to get a snapshot</i> • <i>the approach seemed too localized rather than holistic</i>

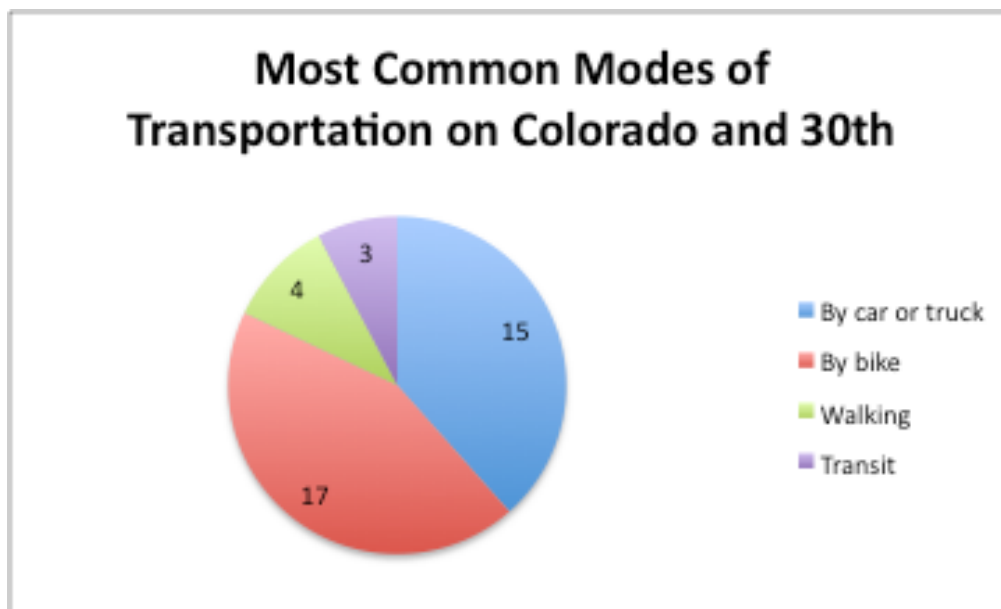
Open House Objective #3: Learn community members' views on travel conditions in the corridors and find out what questions people have about existing conditions and opportunities to address concerns		
Response	Number	Comments
Yes	18	
No	1	
Maybe	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>follow up</i> • <i>arrived too late to hear others comments</i> • <i>Based on sticky notes, lots of comments</i>

Objective #4: Explain the community engagement process and learn the public preferences for involvement		
Response	Number	Comments
Yes	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nice timeline</i>
No	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Little explanation given</i>
Maybe	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>how will feedback be documented?</i> • <i>City employees talked to each other more than to the public</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>again, feels like seeking consent</i> • <i>follow up</i> • <i>I didn't ask about.</i>
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- *This was a great info gathering*
- *Thank you for taking the time to focus on this area.*
- *I am a resident of Golden West Manor Senior Resident Community.*
- *Thank you for this effort.*
- *Thanks!*
- *This is fantastic. Thank you so much!*
- *Thanks for the opportunity to have input! Enjoyed talking in person with staff and neighbors at the open house.*

How do you travel most often in the corridors?



What are your typical starting and ending points?

- Wellman Creek to Nederland
- Wellman Creek Townhouses
- Gold Run North on 30th to Goose Creek Path
- Peloton to Whole Foods
- Baseline and 28th to 29th Street Mall, Vitamin Cottage, CU
- 33rd between Aurora and Baseline, to Sprouts, King Soopers, Home Depot
- Dakota Apartments (30th and Colorado) to CU engineering center, Boulder Creek Path
- To big stores north on 30th
- Aurora north to Arapahoe
- CU LASP to North Boulder
- SEEC to campus (engineering or main campus)

- West Table Mesa to SPSC
- South Boulder to North Boulder
- Colorado and 33rd to 30th and Iris
- To 30th and Baseline
- 30th and Diagonal Highway to Arapahoe
- Baseline and 30th to Valmont and 30th (29th street to Glenwood)
- CU east campus (30th and Marine) to CU main campus
- Wellman Creek to CU campus
- Wellman Creek to Arapahoe and North
- Colorado and Regent to SEEC
- 30TH and Mapleton to Colorado
- 30th and Baseline to 30th and Valmont
- 1111 30th street to 19th and Arapahoe
- Euclid to 30th, north to Mapleton
- Williams Village to Arapahoe and north
- Wellman Creek – New Vista High School, CU, Whole Foods, Target, McGuckins, various hiking trails and misc.

Do you live, work or go to school in Boulder?

This question asked people to check all that applied. Results were as follows:

- 23 people checked live in Boulder
- 24 people checked work in Boulder
- 6 checked go to school in Boulder